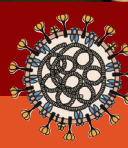


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**TESTS**  
84,518

**CASES**  
3,587

**RECOVERED**  
3,466

**HOSPITALIZED**  
137

**DEATHS**  
37

**VAX DOSES**  
76,329

**PARTLY VAXXD**  
13.65%

**FULLY**  
22.40%

Monday, April 19: ORANGE TIER: Moderate risk – Some indoor business operations are open with modifications



**KILLING FIELD** The stretch of G Street where the killing occurred early Sunday morning. Monday afternoon, the last of the blood was washed away. KLH | UNION

## SUNDAY MORN KNIFE KILLING DOWNTOWN

**MAD RIVER UNION**  
ARCATA – An early Sunday morning stabbing incident in the 1000 block of G Street ended with one person dead and two injured.

The decedent has been identified as 29-year-old Eureka resident Luis Enrique Pinel Zelaya. Police Chief Brian Ahearn said the three men involved knew each other, and apparently had an “ongoing disagreement” of unknown length.

A 27-year-old male and a 23-year-old male remain hospitalized in stable condition. Both are Humboldt County residents and received critical injuries during the incident. On Monday, due to their injuries, APD still hadn't had an opportunity to inter-

view the two.

Ahearn said the incident was captured on security video, which is being used in the investigation.

The decedent was located near 1030 G St. One of the stabbing victims was found in the 600 block of 10th Street.

Another victim was located near the Arcata Theatre Lounge, where his blood was still visible later Sunday morning. Ahearn said he wandered there after being stabbed a short ways away to the south.

“The crime has nothing to do with the Arcata Theatre Lounge,” Ahearn said.

APD asks that anyone with information on this investigation please contact Detective Sgt. Ortega at (707) 822-2424.



Charmaine Lawson speaking.



Charmaine and keynote speaker Leonard Perry on the Humboldt Bay Trail.



**4 YEARS, 4 MILES, JUSTICE 4 JOSIAH**  
**NEVER FORGET** Family, friends and allies in the community spoke at City Hall, walked the Humboldt Bay Trail North, then returned to the Plaza for a coat drive Saturday. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

## APD, Charmaine re-issue appeal to witnesses

### Charmaine's plea: 'Do the right thing'

**MAD RIVER UNION**  
ARCATA – The journey to justice for slain Humboldt State student David Josiah Lawson wound from Arcata City Hall to the Humboldt Bay Trail and back downtown Saturday.

That journey's end remains elusive, however, as four years after the 19-year-old's fatal stabbing at a party, the case remains unsolved and his killer is still on the loose.

The journey from April 15, 2017 to now is one filled with cruel twists, shocking failures, anger, fear and

ceaseless grief.

Stabbed to death at a party on Spear Avenue, the crime overwhelmed Arcata Police. What was later determined to be a botched response and investigation led to the resignation of the then-police chief and helped trigger a slew of reforms at APD, some still playing out. The state Department of Justice declined to assist in the investigation.

Kyle Zoellner of McKinleyville was arrested at the scene and charged with murder. But after a week of pre-

liminary trial hearings, the presiding judge threw out the charges against Zoellner due to a lack of evidence and conflicting testimony from those who were present at the house party. This led to charges of incompetence leveled at both Arcata Police and District Attorney Maggie Fleming.

Community advocates for Lawson have striven to keep his memory alive and to demand justice.

Saturday, Charmaine Lawson reissued her plea for those some of the estimated 100 attendees at the party to cooperate with the investigation.

LAWSON ❖ PAGE 4

## Planco to reconsider Bottoms grow this week

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**

ARCATA – With more than a month to regroup, advocates for and opponents of the proposed Arcata Land Company industrial cannabis grow proposal for the Arcata Bottom will meet again Thursday night before the Humboldt County Planning Commission.

In the intervening month since the first hearing, which was continued due to an abundance of overwhelmingly critical comment, the project has changed. To address opponents' objections to the project's huge footprint, it's been reduced to somewhat over a third of its originally proposed 22.9 acres, now proposed to cover eight acres of grow space and about one more acre of support facilities.

GROW ❖ PAGE 4

## Vaccinations surge, but new cases keep coming

**Daniel Mintz**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**  
HUMBOLDT – The county's COVID-19 vaccination effort continues to accelerate, peaking this week with a supply of about 7,500 doses and over 30,000 residents or 23 percent of Humboldt's total population fully vaccinated.

But cases are also continuing at a steady clip and the county's health officer has said the vaccination drive still has a lot of ground to cover.

The uptick in vaccina-

tions comes as use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine remained paused as of press time. But in an April 13 media availability video, county Health Officer Dr. Ian Hoffman said the freeze won't have a significant effect on supply flow.

He added that he expects the J & J vaccine will soon be back in use, as the Moderna vaccine was when it was temporarily suspended due to spot clusters of adverse reactions.

The county is in the COVID ❖ PAGE 5

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# United to resume nonstop service to Denver

**FLY HUMBOLDT**  
HUMBOLDT – United Airlines, the Humboldt County Department of Aviation and Fly Humboldt have announced that United Airlines will resume its nonstop service from Humboldt County (ACV) to Denver International Airport (DEN) starting June 3, 2021.

The service, started in June 2019, was suspended on April 1, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are really excited for the return of direct air service to Denver Interna-

tional Airport,” said 4th District Humboldt County Supervisor and Chairwoman Virginia Bass. “All of this additional service is coming at the right time for summer, and as more vaccine is getting rolled out. These are all big pluses for the community and will provide a much-needed boost for the local economy allowing tourism to take off this year.”

United will provide the service with a 70-seat regional jet and will start with one flight per day as follows:

- Depart ACV – 12:41 p.m.
  - Arrive DEN – 4:46 p.m.
  - Depart DEN – 11:21 a.m.
  - Arrive ACV – 1:28 p.m.
- “This is great news for Humboldt County and the Redwood Coast,” said Cody Roggatz, director of the Humboldt County Department of Aviation. “This flight performed very well for us in the past. We know that resuming this service will play an important role in our community’s economic recovery and improve connectivity for our

passengers looking to reach the Midwest, East Coast, and beyond in United’s Global Network.”

“I want to thank United Airlines for their continued confidence and investment in our community,” said Gregg Foster, executive director of the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission. “It’s been a tough year and we look forward to working with United and the community to resume this popular service.”

Recruiting and retaining air service has been a top focus of the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC) since 2003. It was that year that RREDC joined with the City of Redding and the County of Humboldt to secure a direct flight to LAX.

Since that time, it has been actively working to add more flights to more destinations out of the ACV Airport in McKinleyville.

## MARK OF RESPECT

American flags were flown half-staff through sunset on Tuesday, April 20 in honor of the victims of the tragedy in Indianapolis, Indiana. The White House issued this Presidential Proclamation: “As a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence perpetrated on April 15, 2021, in Indianapolis, Indiana, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, April 20, 2021. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.”



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The photo of Tim Gray on last week's front page was taken by Nancy Stephenson, whom we neglected to credit. We regret the omission.

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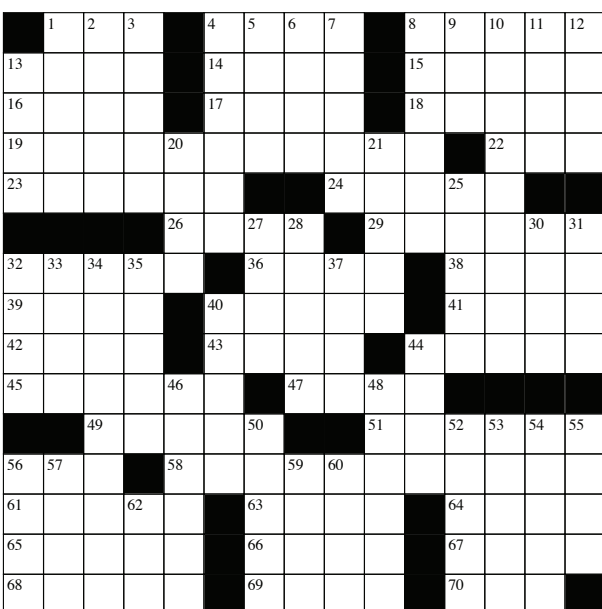
## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- Kernels' place
- Row
- Crunchy
- Luau dish
- Singer Vikki \_\_\_\_
- L'il comic strip character
- Chief Norse deity
- Choir member
- Nightclub
- Pesky
- Common contraction
- Felt
- Communion plate
- Z \_\_\_\_ zebra
- Magazine editions
- Curves
- Martin, for one
- Mitchell's estate
- On \_\_\_\_ with; equivalent to
- Embankment
- And others, for short
- Capital city
- Addict
- Summit
- "The \_\_\_\_ Cometh"
- Laugh loudly
- Señora's rooms
- Get cozy
- One \_\_\_\_ time
- Hatfields and McCoys
- Magic Johnson, once
- City in Italia
- Abba \_\_\_\_; late Israeli diplomat
- Type of engine
- Devilish
- Long, thin mark
- Kilns
- Drenches
- Start of a Nevada city

### DOWN

- Group of trained personnel
- Equatorial constellation
- Employee's delight
- Overcooks milk
- Lacking color
- Liberal \_\_\_\_
- Scouting group
- West Point students
- 2297, for Hank Aaron: abbr.
- Suggest
- Splinter group
- Those for
- Little ones
- Arthur and others
- U.S. state
- Organic compound
- 3/15
- Adamant refusal
- Times
- Cook's additive
- Island east of Java
- The "Iliad" or the "Odyssey"
- Juniors
- Stage production
- Prefix for space or dynamics
- \_\_\_\_ eclipse
- Algonquian language
- Frightens
- Historical records
- Metal fastener
- One of the senses
- Part of the leg
- Depends (with on)
- One in bondage
- In addition to
- Leaver's phrase
- Threw with effort
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**DRUG TAKE BACK DAY** The City of Arcata will participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day this Saturday, April 24. The Arcata Police Department will have a prescription drug collection site open on Saturday, April 24 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 736 F St. in Arcata. The site will be set up outside in the City Hall parking lot on Seventh Street. Expired and unused prescription medications and vaping devices will be accepted. Liquids, needles, sharps and vaping pens with non-removable batteries cannot be accepted. Community members who have items to drop off may do so anonymously at no cost, with no questions asked. Participants must follow COVID-19 health and safety protocol including wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing. APD has a Safe Medication Disposal Receptacle in the police station lobby at 736 F St. where community members may dispose of unwanted or expired prescription medications all year long. [cityofarcata.org](http://cityofarcata.org), (707) 822-2428.

Protesters demonstrating outside City Hall Monday have a grocery list of complaints... their first request will be simple: revoke the business license of Interwest Marketing in the Sunny Brae Shopping Center. Concern about the creation of a local "adult fantasy telephone line first surfaced at the Arcata City Council meeting of December 16... Some of the demonstrators represented the Citizens for Decency in Humboldt County, a local arm of the national Federation for Decency, based in Mississippi. "We don't need a porno phone here," said Lee Marvel, a real estate broker... "We should let the community know, and the leaders know we don't want it. - Arcata Union, Jan. 6, 1988

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## Handy fire extinguishers saved a biz, apartment

**ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT**  
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Quick action from employees and bystanders extinguished the fires prior to arrival of fire personnel. Both locations had on site fire extinguishers, which were used to put out the fires with minimal damage.

The individuals used their fire extinguisher training to prevent the fires from growing large enough to cause extensive damage.

Chief Justin McDonald reports, "both of these fires could have been extremely damaging if it were not for the quick action of the bystanders. Early notification and fire extinguisher training were key to the

successful outcome." Arcata Fire District would like to remind the community members to always have a fire extinguisher close at hand, whether at home or at work, know how to use it safely and routinely check that it is charged for use if needed.

If you are interested in learning more about fire extinguishers or training, please contact Fire Marshal Ed Laidlaw at (707) 825-2000 or visit the Fire Prevention page at [arcata-fire.org/fire-prevention](http://arcata-fire.org/fire-prevention).

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## APD, DA put away Arcata man who molested daughter

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
HUMBOLDT – District Attorney Maggie Fleming announced on April 13 Jonathan Eisenhard Marcks, 36, of Arcata, was sentenced to 22 years in state prison after Marcks pled guilty to continuous sexual abuse of a child and lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14.

On July 6, 2019, in an interview with the Humboldt County Child Abuse Services Team, 11-year-old Jane Doe disclosed that she had been sexually abused by her father over several years.

A subsequent investigation led by Arcata Police Detective Victoria Johnson yielded a recorded phone call that included self-incriminating statements by Marcks and physical evidence at Marcks’ residence.

Deputy District Attorney Whitney Timm prosecuted the case with the assistance of District Attorney Victim Witness Advocate Caitlyn LaHaie and District Attorney Investigator Ryan Hill. The California Department of Justice provided analysis of physical evidence.



Jonathan Eisenhard Marcks

## Caltrans funds road fixups in McK, Trinidad

**MAD RIVER UNION**  
MCKINLEYVILLE/TRINIDAD – Caltrans has awarded more than \$227 million to fund safety projects designed to reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries on city and county roads, including projects in McKinleyville and Trinidad. Funding is provided through the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program.

In McKinleyville, the funding will pay to install pedestrian rapid flashing beacons at the Hammond Trail crossing of Hiller Road and at mid-town trail crossing of Washington Avenue at Oakdale Drive, and two rectangular rapid flashing beacons with pedestrian refuges on Redwood Drive.

In Trinidad, the funding will pay to install flashing beacons, curb and driveway extensions, ADA curb ramps, yield lines, traffic signs, striping and pavement markings on Main Street at View Avenue and on Edwards Street at the intersections of Hector Street and Galindo Street.

Existing guardrail systems and end treatments on Scenic Drive south of Langford Road and on Patrick’s Point Drive north of Ocean Avenue will be upgraded or replaced.

The funding will pay for edge lines and improved striping on Trinidad Frontage Road from North Westhaven Drive, on Stagecoach Road from the city limit to Main Street and on Westhaven Drive from the city limit to Trinidad Frontage Road.

## Have you been driving and even walking ALL WRONG?

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
ARCATA – The City of Arcata’s Transportation Safety Committee encourages all community members to take walks as a healthy alternative to driving and would like to remind residents that walking can become dangerous when pedestrians or drivers become distracted.

According to the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), pedestrian deaths and injuries are on the rise in recent years, and California’s pedestrian fatality rate is nearly 25 percent higher than the national average.

The Centers for Disease Control also notes that about one in five of the people who died in crashes involving a distracted driver in 2018 were not in vehicle – they were walking, riding a bike, or otherwise outside of a vehicle.

Drivers and pedestrians must work together to help protect themselves and others, and the Transportation Safety Committee has some safety tips to keep pedestrians safe on the road.

**Drivers**

- Never use your phone while driving.
- Do not speed, and always be cautious of your surroundings.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Look out for pedestrians, especially in hard-to-see conditions like fog, rain or darkness.
- Pedestrians have the right of way at any crosswalk or intersection, so always yield and be prepared to stop for them.
- Be cautious when backing up out of driveways. Pedestrians, especially young children, can abruptly move across your path.

**Pedestrians**

- Keep your eyes up and stay off your phone. Talking, texting and emailing distracts you from paying attention to your surroundings, especially while crossing the street.
- If you must use your phone, stop on the sidewalk and move out of the way of others.
- Do not walk or run with headphones in both ears. If you must, keep the volume low enough so you can hear what is going on around you.
- Always walk on the sidewalk, and cross the street at marked crosswalks and intersections.
- Never assume a driver can see you. Make eye contact with drivers before you cross the street.
- Wear bright colored clothes, carry a flashlight or use your cell phone as a flashlight if you are out walking at night.
- Look left-right-left before crossing a street, obey traffic signals and watch for turning vehicles.

For more Transportation Safety tips, and information regarding the Transportation Safety Committee, visit [cityofarcata.org](http://cityofarcata.org) or call (707) 822-5956.

## Aargh! Who stole my precious Suddenlink bill?

### Right, that would be this guy, says HCSO

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**  
ARCATA – On Wednesday, April 14 at about 11:51 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to the 8200 block of West End Road near Arcata for the report of a suspicious subject in the area.

Deputies arrived in the area and observed several open and empty mailboxes. Nearby the mailboxes deputies located the reported suspicious subject, later identified as 38-year-old John Wayne Merrell, walking along the roadway. During their investigation, deputies learned that Merrell was in possession of more than 30 pieces of stolen mail from residences on West End Road.

Merrell was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of mail theft. The stolen mail was recovered and is currently being held at the Humboldt



John Wayne Merrell



**POST HEIST** A sad palisade of violated mailboxes, above. Left, some of the recovered mail. HCSO PHOTOS



County Sheriff’s Office McKinleyville Substation. Residents receiving mail within the 8200 and 9400 block of West End Road, in addition to residents on Dutch Lane and Barley Lane, who believe they had mail stolen should contact the McKinleyville station at (707) 839-6600 to inquire whether their mail has been recovered.

Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff’s Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

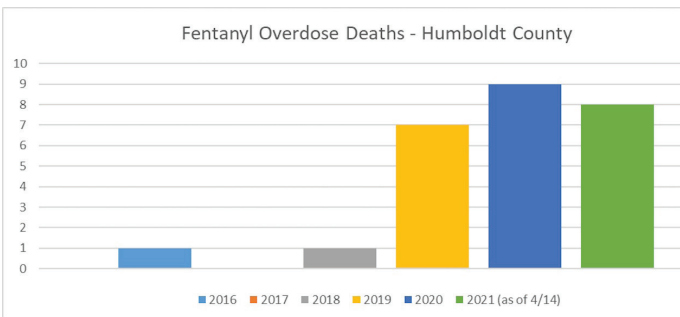
## Fentanyl is killing more and more Humboldters

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**  
HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County has seen a substantial increase in illicit fentanyl distribution, possession and overdose cases, including an alarming number of overdose deaths.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid and a Schedule II narcotic that is approximately 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin. Fentanyl is often added to heroin and other drugs to increase their potency and can cause accidental overdose.

As of April 14, 2021, the Humboldt County Coroner’s Office has received confirmation of eight fentanyl overdose deaths in the county, with six in the month of March alone. Multiple overdose death investigations remain pending receipt of toxicology reports, with more fentanyl cases anticipated.

Additionally, in 2021



alone, Humboldt County Drug Task Force Agents have seized over 187 grams of Fentanyl and approximately 5,002 Fentanyl pills. In comparison, agents seized just 3 grams of Fentanyl in 2020 and three Fentanyl patches in 2019.

“What we are seeing currently are products that contain larger doses of fentanyl, especially in pill form,” said Lt. Shawn Sopoaga, Humboldt County Drug Task Force Commander. “Fentanyl is being transported to Humboldt County in a raw form and used as a cutting agent, by dealers, to produce more product.”

According to the Drug Enforcement Administra-

tion, a lethal dose of fentanyl consists of two milligrams, equal in size to a few grains of salt. The DEA’s Fentanyl Signature Profiling Program found that 26 percent of illicit fentanyl pills examined in 2019 contained potentially lethal doses of fentanyl. Counterfeit pills can be difficult to distinguish from legitimate medications and are often marketed as M30s, Perc30s, Blues or Mexican Oxy.

Fentanyl can also be absorbed through the skin and accidental inhalation of airborne powder can occur. Due to the rising threat of Fentanyl exposure, Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies have been equipped

with Narcan, a nasal spray designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. In California, residents can purchase NARCAN® Nasal Spray without a prescription, directly from a pharmacist, and those locally struggling with addiction are highly encouraged to carry Narcan in case of overdose emergency.

“One of my biggest concerns is that our teenagers and young adults are taking pills from these dealers that are laced with fentanyl. The chances of overdose is very high,” Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal said. “We are working with both our state and federal law enforcement partners to hold those persons accountable that are pushing fentanyl in our community.

Anyone with information regarding narcotics related crimes are encouraged to call the Humboldt County Drug Task Force at (707) 267-9976 or the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

## Grow | Planco meeting Thursday

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But area residents’ opposition has only hardened as they have become more organized. They’ve rallied under the new moniker Team 27th, and are doing community outreach via their [savethearcatabottoms.com](http://savethearcatabottoms.com) website, tabling and an email listserv.

Objections center on a range of potential impacts from the “mega-grow,” ranging from air, light and noise pollution to traffic safety and damage to the county’s small cannabis growers, plus other issues. The group considers the project’s Negative Declaration of environmental impact inadequate, and is demanding a full-blown EIR be conducted.

Thursday’s special Planning Commission meeting is likely to feature another torrent of condemnation for the project. The hearing could give insight into whether the Planco might approve a project that checks all the boxes but is deeply opposed in the community.

The commission can always approve the project with expectation that it will be appealed to the Board of Supervisors, which might be more inclined to incorporate popular sentiment into its ruling.

Last week, Team 27th reiterated its stance in a press release. Excerpts:

**Westwood Neighbors call for Cannabis Grow EIR**

In response to the Sun Valley Group’s plans to build a nearly 9-acre commercial cannabis grow in the Arcata Bottoms, local residents are calling on the Humboldt County Planning

Commission to require an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Sun Valley, under the name Arcata Land Company, is seeking approval for 8-acres of plastic hoop houses and an additional 30,000 square feet of nursery space for cannabis production...

If approved, the development would be the largest cannabis farm in Humboldt County and fifth largest in the State of California.

“My environmental concerns, shared with many neighbors, about this project center around air quality, water consumption, energy use, odor and noise,” Westwood resident and retired Federal Wildlife Research Biologist Jim Cotton said. “In order to understand the impacts of these topics, an EIR must be completed prior to issuing a permit to the applicant.”

Cotton said that aspects of the County’s Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project appear to be in contradiction to the 2018 Final Environmental Impact Report Amendments to Humboldt County Code Regulating Commercial Cannabis Activities...

The 900-plus Westwood neighborhood residents living within a half-mile will be most affected by the industrial cannabis farm’s odors, greenhouse fan noise, increased traffic, impacted water quality as well as possible health impacts to the medically fragile and elderly. But local cannabis farmers also alerted the Planning Commission to the company’s potential to stifle smaller grow competitors, and do so unfairly when not held to the same zoning standards.

## Lawson | Plea

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“I need the person responsible for my son’s murder to come forward. I need people who were at the party that night and saw what happened to come forward. Do the right thing. Just do the right thing,” she said.

A \$100,000 reward has been posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Lawson’s killer.

**Call to witnesses**

On the four-year anniversary of Lawson’s killing, the City of Arcata again issued a press release begging attendees at the fatal 2017 party to share what they saw with police. The press release:

[April 15, 2021] marks the four-year anniversary of the stabbing and killing of Humboldt State University sophomore student David Josiah Lawson. The Lawson murder investigation remains an open case, and the Arcata Police Department again asks the community for assistance to solve this murder.

APD has a 24-hour tip line where information could be shared anonymously and confidentially with the department. Any information that can assist the investigation in any way is sought. “The tip line continues to be an effective strategy to generate leads,” said Arcata Chief of Police Brian Ahearn. “If you were at that party or know information about the killing, please come forward.”

Of the 100 partygoers reportedly present the night of the murder, few have come forward to be interviewed by APD investigators. The APD believes there are more people with more information who can assist the investigation.

The APD’s Investigations Division monitors the 24-hour confidential tip line. If you or someone you know was at the party the night Josiah Lawson was stabbed, or if you have information about the case, please call (707) 825-2590 or APD Dispatch at (707) 822-2424.

Regarding the PSA Ahearn said, “Please listen to the PSA, post it, like it, share it, whatever you need to do to get the word out that witnesses are essential to getting this case back into court.”



# The rare Roseate Spoonbill is Humboldt County Bird of 2020

**Sue Leskiw**  
**SPECIAL TO THE UNION**

HUMBOLDT – On Halloween morning, on his way to work at the Lanphere Dunes, Alex Benn spotted an unusual-looking bird in the Mad River Slough.

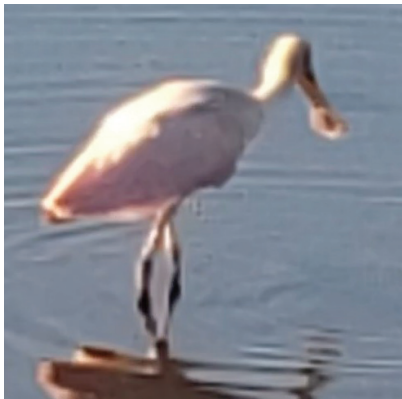
“This was not any of the avifauna I’m used to seeing. It had a tall, flamingo-like body; dull pink coloring on its backside; and a long, duck-like bill,” he says. “Admittedly, I’m not an expert birder when it comes to species outside of Northern California, so I decided to take a 30-second video on my phone and identify it after I got home from work.”

That evening, Alex identified the bird as a juvenile Roseate Spoonbill, which has a white head and mostly pale pink body. The range map in his bird book [the west coast of “mainland” Mexico –not Baja – the Gulf Coast between Mexico and Florida, and several Caribbean islands] raised questions about why it was here. Alex emailed his former HSU ornithology professor Mark Colwell to ask why the spoonbill was so far out of its normal range. Mark contacted eBird reviewer Rob Fowler and confirmed it was indeed a Roseate Spoonbill.

Days Bird Festival was held virtually, the award was given during the “Birds & Beers Social Zoom,” where panelists shot the breeze about the past, present, and future of Humboldt birding.

The closest previous record for Roseate Spoonbill was in Monterey County in 1978. Many birders all around the county were on the lookout to re-spot the bird, but it was seen only one other time, on Nov. 8 at Fernbridge.

“I suspect that the spoonbill thought better of its adventure and headed back to warmer climes [its usual range being], pronto!,” Alex comments.



**BIRD OF 2020** A juvenile Roseate Spoonbill. PHOTO BY ALEX BENN

**The 2020 Runner-ups**

The species garnering second place was Masked Booby, seen on Nov. 22 by Charlie Giannini while he was picking up crab pots with his grandparents, Chuck Giannini and Gene Callahan.

nia and the Gulf Coast between Mexico and Florida.

“There are not many birds that fit this description and it was fairly easy to find in the Sibley field guide. It was one of those moments where you feel so lucky just to be in the right place at the right time. I will definitely be bringing a real camera next time I go crabbing!”

Third place for 2020 went to Northern Wheatear, which was spotted perched on a fencepost in the McKinleyville Bottoms by Keith Slauson on Sept. 18. “As I drove toward the Hammond Bridge, I spotted a bright bird whose color, size, and shape suggested that it was something interesting. I raised my binoculars to get a good look and was stunned to see the facial pattern, coloring, and bold white-and-black tail pattern that matched a Northern Wheatear,” states Keith. The bird is the second confirmed Humboldt record, the first being in Shelter Cove in 1977!

Keith immediately pulled over and took a few photos to document the bird, just in case it took off quickly. He then grabbed his phone to get the word out to the birding community. The wheatear stuck around for two days, foraging mainly from the same fence line, which allowed an estimated 100 birders to observe it (39 eBird checklists filed).

through the field for potential longspurs, a rarer group of species that often occur in the same habitat. While scanning the ground, he spotted a gray-and-white bird slightly larger than the nearby pipits that had the shape, tail-wagging behavior, masked facial pattern, and coloration of a wagtail.

“It had been more than a decade since I’d seen wagtails in Asia,” says Keith, “but their shape and behavior are quite distinctive. I quickly grabbed my camera. Luckily, the bird stopped foraging and sat atop of clump of tall grass, allowing me to get a few photos. The bird then took flight, giving a sharp tszeer! call as it flew to another area of the pasture. I got the word out that I had found a wagtail and took a few minutes to review the photos before making the identification. After consulting



**RUNNER UP** Eastern Yellow Wagtail. PHOTO BY KEITH SLAUSON

my field guide and listening to some calls on Xeno-canto (a website that hosts sound recordings of birds from around the world), I felt confident that the bird was a first fall (hatched this year) Eastern Yellow Wagtail.”

Keith’s sighting was the second confirmed record (with up to four prior records, three of them not submitted for official review to the California Bird Review Committee) of Eastern Yellow Wagtail for Humboldt County and the first one seen in over a decade. “Its location on private pasture land was only visible from the road. Combined with the frequent presence of predators such as a Peregrine Falcon, re-finding the bird was challenging for others. I’d estimate that 20 people saw or heard the bird over the next few days.”

Like the Northern Wheatear, Eastern Yellow Wagtails have a holarctic breeding distribution, from Russia to Alaska, and migrate from wintering grounds in Asia and Oceania to Alaska by crossing the Pacific Ocean from eastern Russia. They breed on the tundra near willow thickets and marshy areas in Alaska and typically fly back across the Pacific to Asia in fall migration. “Luckily, this individual came down the Pacific Coast to Humboldt instead and was seen by a good number of folks,” remarks Keith.

On Oct. 21, Greg Gray was driving by the dairy on Moxon Lane in Arcata, slowly scanning both the wetland and the blackbird flock.

“I immediately picked out a very large ‘blackbird’ just off the side of the road. I immediately knew that it was a grackle and naively assumed it was a Great-tailed Grackle, given the multiple reports of this species in the nearby vicinity (hanging out at the Arcata Safeway parking lot!).” The bird had a multihued iridescence, a yellow eye, and a longer bill and tail than the nearby Brewer’s Blackbirds.

“Later that evening, as I was downloading my photos, I noticed that the bird did not seem to have the same coloring or shape as the Great-tailed Grackle that I had seen a few days prior. With a growing sense of both excitement and embarrassment, I pulled up the Sibley app on my phone and scanned the Common Grackle page, quickly realizing my identification error. The bronze hue of the back and wings, as well as the proportionally shorter tail, definitely did not fit a Great-tailed Grackle,” Greg admits.

“Sheepishly, I put the word out that the bird I had found was a Common Grackle.” This was the third Humboldt record for a species whose western range map line runs between Iowa and Texas. “Luckily, it was re-found on Oct. 24 and others reported the bird through Nov. 5 (26 eBird checklists submitted). Phew! And lesson learned – don’t assume anything when identifying rare birds!”

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The registration fee is \$10 per webinar or \$45 for the entire series, proceeds will fund scholarships for the fall Coastal Naturalist Training, a California Naturalist Certification program.

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- May 5 – Introduction to Lichens of the Dunes with Loriel Caverly (botanist, certified California naturalist and lichen enthusiast)
- May 12 – Pinnipeds of the California Coast with Claire Nasr (biologist & California Sea Grant Fellow)
- May 19 – Introduction to Native Bees of the Dunes with Brian Dykstra (OLLI instructor, founder of the Native Bee Society and farmer at a Bee-Friendly Farm)
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**CANNABIS EQUITY** “Cannabis Equity Programs: Creating a Cannabis Solidarity Economy” takes place Thursday, April 22, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cannabis Equity programs have the potential to be models of a solidarity economy that prioritizes the welfare of people, community and planet over profits. This panel discussion brings together equity advocates to discuss the origins, vision, opportunities and challenges of designing and implementing equity programs in their communities. Event is free, but registration is required at [events.eventee.co/detail/post-capitalism-conference-8356](https://events.eventee.co/detail/post-capitalism-conference-8356). Panelists are Dr. Dominic Corva, cannabis specialist, California Center for Rural Policy; Laura Herrera, MPA Berkeley Cannabis Research Center; Juell Stewart, Cannabis Policy advocate, boardmember at The Hood Incubator; Alisha Byrd, equity advocate, business owner and medical cannabis patient.

## COVID | Finding the balance between reopening and vaccination

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state’s orange or moderate COVID-19 risk tier, restaurants are open indoors at 50 percent capacity, capacity limits on indoor retail have been lifted and bars are open again outdoors.

Those and other nods to returning to social life suggest recovery but Hoffman said the county is in an “in-between period” as vaccination needs to progress further.

He said making accurate predictions is difficult in a pandemic and referred to the state of Michigan, which is going through another surge.

“We hope that would never happen here in California but it is a cautionary tale and I think we all need to watch that,” he continued. “That’s the reason that we’ve been very cautiously reopening California and cautiously reopening Humboldt County.”

Vaccination has global scope and on that level, inoculation is spotty and disease is surging again.

There are two coronavirus variants of concern – those that pose higher risks – that are particularly vexing.

The so-called UK variant is more transmissible, deadlier and has be-

come the predominant strain in the U.S. COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths are trending higher in many states.

A variant that has caused multiple surges in Brazil isn’t prevalent in the U.S. yet but there’s concern that it could be.

That variant is linked to about 500 COVID-19 cases in the U.S. as of April 10, 41 of them in California, and has vaccine resistance implications.

It was first detected in the Brazilian city of Manaus, where an intense surge surprisingly occurred after 75 percent of its population had been infected in a previous surge.

On a local level, a balance between vaccination and reopening will play out. “That’s what we’re working towards and if it looks like things are going in the wrong direction we would certainly have to consider closing things back down again,” Hoffman said.

He added that can be avoided if people continue masking, distancing and avoiding gatherings, precautions that will “allow us to get some normalcy without going fully back to normal until we have a lot more vaccination.”

In an April 15 media availability video, Lindsey Mendez of the county’s Vaccine Task Force said the freeze on the J & J vaccine does have a focused impact.

Because it needs a lesser degree of refrigeration, it’s the vaccine of choice for use in outlying areas and in outreach to homeless people.

“This will cause some delay with getting to this population and with the logistics of how we were going to give vaccine,” she said.


She emphasized that the blood clotting that triggered the freeze is a “rare condition” and “we are hopeful that we will move forward with the Johnson vaccine in the future.”

Optimism is growing as vaccination progresses but COVID-19 still has a robust presence in the county.

Last week saw confirmation of 71 new cases, bringing the county’s total to 3,587. Hospitalizations have stabilized and last week saw a single new one, bringing that total to 137.

There have been 37 COVID-19 deaths in the county, with the most recent one, of an elderly resident, reported last week.





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But once that is done and they are in the oven baking to crisp perfection, then you are just making the finishing touches, and oh what touches they are!



**BAKED TO CRISP PERFECTION** Brussels sprouts with blue cheese and walnuts in balsamic glaze. KIRSTEN LINDQUIST PHOTO

**Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Balsamic Glaze, Blue Cheese and Walnuts**  
(serves 2-3)

1 lb Brussels sprouts  
2 tablespoons oil  
Pinch of salt  
¼ cup balsamic vinegar  
Blue cheese crumbles  
2 tablespoons walnuts,

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.  
Prepare Brussels sprouts by cutting off ends, and peeling off outer leaves that look old or blemished, cut in half and set aside.



Toss sprouts with olive oil and salt and spread on a sheet pan lined with parchment or foil and roast for 17-20 minutes, until tender and loose leaves begin to crisp and blacken.

Five minutes before sprouts are done, add balsamic vinegar to a heavy bottom pan – I use a small cast iron frying pan – and bring to a simmer and reduce by half.

When sprouts are done, place them on a platter, drizzle with the balsamic glaze, and sprinkle with cheese and walnuts and serve.

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Week 57. Dogs come to us in many ways. Many of the dogs we work with arrived at the shelter for one reason or another, some are puppies whose mothers arrived at the shelter pregnant and went into our foster programs, and some dogs are referred to us from other agencies such as veterinarians or social services. We try to help where we can and are proud of the happy endings that we have facilitated.

Sometimes we are asked to help when dog owners have unforeseen circumstances that require rehoming of their dogs. That was the case for three-year-old Riggins.

Riggins was a Redwood Pals puppy, born in March of 2018 to a mama who came to the shelter very pregnant. Mama Kali, Riggins, and his eight brothers and sisters were fostered with one of our volunteers and adopted to local families when the pups were old enough. I get regular reports from some of the adopters even three years later!

Riggins has had a good life with his adopter and her older female dog. Recently some major life changes occurred and Riggins' person will be moving across the country and into a small apartment.

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Riggins plays well with other dogs and would be a good match for another playful dog. He can be a little shy upon meeting new people but once he gets to know you he is a happy goofball and very loyal.

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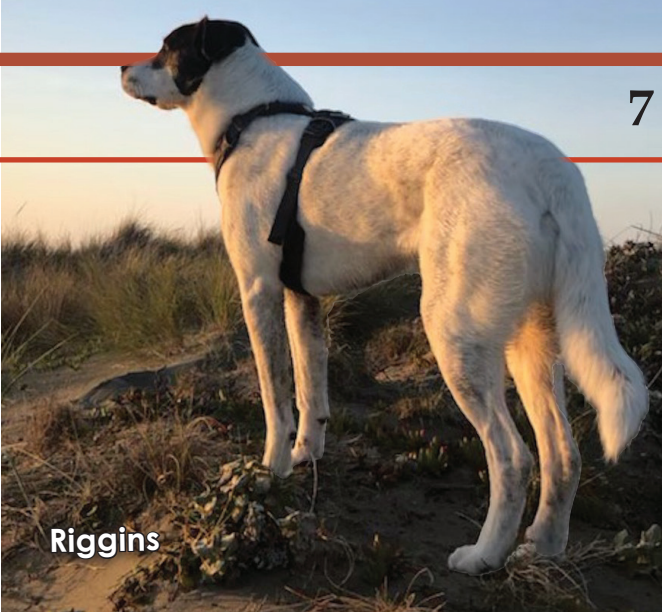
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My favorite quote of the past week came from the folks who are adopting Bindi, recently featured here. When asked if she would be staying with them after a trial sleepover, her new dad replied, "We would all run for the hills if someone tried to come and get her. We absolutely love her. She is a love bug and we want her forever."

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Zero Waste Humboldt emphasizes waste prevention strategies at the point of purchase and materials reuse. However, we regularly receive inquiries about recycling collection, which materials are recyclable, and how to avoid contaminating the recycling cart at the curb.

An average of 25 percent of recyclables collected at the curb in Humboldt County are contaminated and landfilled.

This series is an attempt to explain the changing conditions that have caused this much contamination and what we can do to make it better.

After 50 years of modern-day recycling in Humboldt County, it's time to evaluate.

**Background: how we got her**

Earth Day 1970 mobilized a growing public awareness about air and water pollution, dwindling natural resources, loss of wildlife species, and impacts to human health.

Among the first outcomes from Earth Day's teach-ins, litter walks, and the national news spotlight on the need for environmental protection were grassroots recycling drop-off centers in many college towns.

Of those early recycling centers that continued to grow, the staff and volunteer crews were strictly trained in quality over quantity. Only the correctly sorted materials could be accepted from the public to maintain the quality required by the buyers' strict specifications for recyclables in their mills and manufacturing facilities.

At the Arcata Community Recycling Center, the critical need to supply the markets with consistently high-quality loads was more serious than for most recycling programs because of the high cost to transport the low-value commodities long distances to market.

Recycling loads that exceeded the contamination percent allowed were downgraded to a lower price-per-ton and recycling income could not cover the transportation cost to market.

In the 1980s, Californians' concerns about insufficient landfill capacity for ever-increasing waste generation, shifted the original purpose of recycling from natural resource conservation to the pressure for "landfill diversion."

By 1990, California cities and counties were required to meet diversion goals of 25 percent by 1995 and 50 percent by the year 2000. This pressure for landfill diversion changed the emphasis in recycling operations from marketable quality to quantity of tons diverted from the landfill.

The local government urgency to report increased landfill diversion attracted the investment of the largest garbage hauling and waste management companies in the U.S.

This was a period of constant experimentation in recycling collection truck design, containers and methods for household set-out at the curb, and processing to prepare materials for the grade-specs required by the markets. The goals were to increase public participation in recycling, and increase efficiency of collecting increased tons of recyclable materials.

*Next week:* Changes in recycling collection, processing and marketing; the content of our waste; the causes of recycling contamination and actions you can take to reduce it.

*Margaret Gainer is president of Zero Waste Humboldt. contact@zerowastehumboldt.org; facebook.com/ZeroWasteHumboldt*

## 'Regeneration' is theme of Earth Week 2021 at Humboldt State

**HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY**

HUMBOLDT STATE – Members of the HSU community are invited to celebrate Earth Week virtually, April 19-23. The 2021 theme is "Regeneration."

Since 1970, environmental activists and humanitarians around the planet have come together for Earth Day every April 22.

As the climate crisis intensifies, student organizers say that education and participation is more important than ever.

Working to create a sustainable future, HSU's Associated Students Earth Week Every Week committee has organized a variety of workshops, lectures, group therapy sessions, and scavenger hunts to take place throughout Earth Week.

The full schedule of Earth Week activities can be found at [humboldt.edu](http://humboldt.edu). Events are also posted on the HSU Sustainability Calendar and Virtual Quad.

"We have to take care of one another while being mindful of what is happening globally," says Josefina Barrantes, a Political Science major and Earth Week Every Week committee head. "It's challenging as the pandemic has exacerbated people's feelings of anxiety about the climate crisis."

To offer support, HSU's Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) will host a Climate Grief group therapy workshop on April 19 at 5 p.m.

The group will be led by CAPS therapists and Environmental Studies Professor Sarah Ray, author of *The Field Guide to Climate Anxiety*.

"Action is a great way to mitigate feelings of hopelessness," says Barrantes.

Other Earth Week events include:

- **The Climate Journal Project**, Wednesday, April 21 at 4 p.m.
- **Films for Fresh Perspectives with the Waste Reduction Resource Awareness Program**, Wednesday, April 21 at 6 p.m.
- **CSU Earth Day: Taking Action for People and the Planet**, Thursday, April 22 at 12 p.m.
- **HSU Trashion Show**, Thursday, April 22 at 6 p.m.
- **Mushroom and Succulent Scavenger Hunt**, Monday-Friday, April 19-23
- **Northcoast Environmental Center Trash-a-Thon**, Monday-Friday, April 19-23

Following a screening of the film "Kiss the Ground," WRRAP's Compost Squad will educate participants on how to use the worm bins given out as prizes throughout Earth Week.

Join a one-hour panel discussion youth leaders of the intersectional environmental and climate justice movement followed by breakout discussions.

Speakers include Sage Lenier, a peer environmental educator at the Story of Stuff Project, Kevin Patel, founder and executive director at OneUpAction, and Kristy Drutman, a climate activist and speaker.

Raise money for the Northcoast Environmental Center while picking up trash! Volunteers are encouraged to virtually collect pledges from their family and friends. Suggested pledges are \$0.05 – \$5 per piece of trash. Email [nec@ournec.org](mailto:nec@ournec.org) for more info.

your trashiest recycled fashion designs. HSU's Advisory Committee on Sustainability will serve as judges.

Winners in three categories will take home worm bins: Trashiest Costume, Most Creative, and Most Wearable in Public.

## City of Arcata Statement Against Racism and Violence Towards the AAPI Community

*At the Arcata City Council meeting on Wednesday, April 7, the City Council approved the following statement condemning the escalating violence and ongoing harassment directed at Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders:*

The City of Arcata strongly condemns the surge of racially-motivated violence against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. A new report by Stop AAPI Hate documented nearly 3,800 hate incidents nationwide in the past 12 months.

Racism and bigotry of any kind has no place in Arcata where we continue to work to ensure individuals of all races, incomes, ages, genders, and other social identities have equitable opportunities to live full, healthy, and productive lives.

Asian Americans have helped build this country and this region in the face of persistent racial discrimination.

The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 explicitly prohibited the immigration of Chinese laborers, and in Humboldt County, the expulsion of Eureka's entire Chinese population occurred in 1885. In 1886 additional expulsions of Chinese people living in Arcata, Trinidad, Fortuna, Rohnerville and Ferndale took place.

As a result of these racist acts, in the early 1890s, the front page of a local history and business directory declared that Humboldt was "the only county in the state containing no Chinamen."

Later in 1942, Executive Order 9066 authorized the incarceration of over 100,000 Japanese Americans who were sent to internment camps until 1945, and racially motivated attacks on Filipinos and other immigrants led to California's historic Filipino Farmworker Movement.

We must continue to acknowledge the wrongs of the past to address racism in the present.

We stand in sorrow and solidarity with Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, who are facing an escalating series of racist attacks, including last week's horrific attack in Georgia, in which anti-Asian racism compounded with misogyny resulted in the murder of eight people.

We condemn these attacks and the racist rhetoric that fuels them.

We affirm our commitment to work together to become a more just and to continue to address systemic racism in our organization. We must work together to create the conditions and policies we all deserve.

We must come together as a city, a region, and nation to reject senseless racism and xenophobia. If you hear someone erroneously blaming the pandemic on the AAPI community, please correct them.

If you encounter harassment, try to de-escalate it if possible.

To work towards building a region where all have the opportunity to thrive, we cannot be silent when violence and hatred are experienced by anyone in our community.

To read more about local actions dedicated to building racial equity in our community, visit [equityarcata.com](http://equityarcata.com), and to learn more about how you can support the local AAPI community, visit Humboldt Asians and Pacific Islanders in Solidarity's Facebook page at [facebook.com/hapihumboldt](https://facebook.com/hapihumboldt).

## Drunk's reign of error topples trash can, engulfs mailbox in booze

**• Sunday, April 4 5:10 a.m.** A person on Janes Road screamed for 20 minutes "at the top of their lungs" that s/he wanted to kill himself.

**11:55 a.m.** An erratic-behavior specialist spray-painted a utility box at Samoa Boulevard and H Street, was caught in the act of uglification and cited.

**1:09 p.m.** Fifth and H streets hosted alternative lifestylers, one of whom shouldered a noisy boom box while wandering about in traffic. The other sat on the corner amid a small constellation of personal possessions.

**1:12 p.m.** A man in a blue sweater, suffused with life's exuberance or something, danced in traffic at Seventh and G streets until his happy feet and the rest of the misguided terpsichorean musculoskeletal contraption were moved along.

**• Monday, April 5 7:20 a.m.** Workers at an Aldergrove Road lumber mill started their work week watching a TV show. It was an episode recorded on security cameras overnight, titled, "Unknown Subject Driving Off With Our Forklift."

**• Tuesday, April 6 4:01 a.m.** A Union Street apartment dweller, possibly expelled from the Royal Society for Putting Things on Top of Other Things, founded the New Order of Continuously Dropping Heavy Items and Keeping the Neighbor Awake.

**10:38 a.m.** A man at a Valley West bus stop wore full, black body armor as he busied himself sharpening knives. Police had a chat with him.

**5:17 p.m.** A man at a Northtown motel had a very, very bad, no-good day, trying to reserve a room without ID and being turned away. He didn't have a key to his car, either, and at wit's end, took to destroying it.

**10:14 p.m.** An argumentative mask denier was asked to leave a 13th Street store and did. But she came back later to carry on with her foolish mask not-wearing ways, and refused to leave. Until she did.

**• Wednesday, April 7 1:21 p.m.** A man in a Heindon Road parking lot bled from the head as he screamed that someone had just stolen his vehicle. A '90s dark green Camry was seen leaving the scene, piloted by a bald man with glasses.

**2:59 p.m.** A slender snipe with the leathery face of an outdoorsman in a colorful hoodie took a fistful of pens from a G Street insurance office and threw them mercilessly to the ground outside then stalked off, dirty blonde hair waving in the breeze.

**• Thursday, April 8 4:20 p.m.** A Plaza businessperson found a fully loaded syringe, turgid with short-term jollitude and long-term despair. She contained its life-altering potential in a glass jar and phoned police to come pick up the hell-hypo.

**7:35 p.m.** After a man posted videos of himself walking around nude, waving a gun and raving nonsensically about harming himself, then went silent for several days, an associate asked that police check on him.

**• Friday, April 9 2:50 a.m.** A dumpster spelunker, drunken variety, rooted around in a bin on Fifth Street, tossing items in the air for unknowable drunk person reasons. The troublesome tippler-tosser was taken into custody.

**1:18 p.m.** A Plaza business discovered that an employee with access to the checkbook had written multiple personal checks and deposited them to their personal account via handy mobile upload.

**9:23 p.m.** Bad news: a man was sprawled across an Alliance Road sidewalk. Good news: he was breathing.

**11:35 p.m.** A woman in shorts rollerbladed around the intersection of Samoa Boulevard and H Street, playing solo hockey with a broom.

**• Saturday, April 10 2:01 a.m.** Nocturnal oven-removal hobbyists attempted to wrench the range from its moorings in a Foster Avenue apartment building, shaking the walls. A sleepless neighbor also reported the oven crew "running up and down the apartment."

**9:01 a.m.** *Easy come, easy go:* An E Streeter somehow got a sweet free bicycle – a 20-inch white BMX girl's bike with pink rims and spokes, with "Angel" inscribed on the handlebars. He asked a neighbor to store the bike, and the neighbor agreed to do so – then gave it away.

**• Monday, April 12 10:42 a.m.** A bag of quarters and some other items made a hearty haul for a doorhandle tryer on East California Avenue who opened the statistically inevitable unlocked car door. Some of the car's contents were dumped down the road.

**12:03 p.m.** As a man napped in his home near 10th and O streets, a roommate saw a guy load his orange Kona bike in a car and drive off with it.

**1:58 p.m.** A drunk with issues imposed a range of torments on a West End Road resident, beginning by entering the property and attempting combat with a resident. Next, he basted a mailbox with a bottle of liquor, kicked over a garbage can and threatened to slit the family dog's throat. These pleasures delivered, he staggered off toward a freeway overpass until police caught up with him and made a drunk in public arrest.

**2:42 p.m.** Inside a Stewart Avenue truck A drummer was pushing his luck His libertine tapping Like amplified fapping Drew scorn in a world walked amok

**• Tuesday, April 13 11:36 a.m.** Moving out is hard enough, and even harder when your soon-to-be ex-roommate is sauntering around the house with a big, black hunting knife babbling nonsensically about your having implanted a microchip in his mouth.

**11:46 a.m.** A shirtless woman in a tan bra and black leggings busied herself in a G Street parking lot hitting golf balls at cars with a golf club. When that grew tiresome, she went out in the street and swung directly at cars with the club.



# OPINION

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## Defining Arcata

Sun Valley is hopeful that we will all be grateful for their plan to reduce the size of their grow. What they don't understand is that we LIVE HERE, right next door to this very large planned grow.

I see a different future for Arcata. I see expansion of neighborhoods with planned CSAs to support the increase in population. I could see growing hops which would not require exorbitant energy use and the industrial building as a space for brewing craft beer. Perhaps the Film Commission could use it for a set building.

Our town used to be known for HSU, its liberal politics, and for its art scene. To be known for allowing one of the biggest grows in the state just outside the city limit does not promote the kind of image Arcata needs to grow both professionally and sensibly.

There's no turning back once this starts in the Bottom. Are we poised to have a deluge of cannabis and a food shortage? Humboldt County needs to learn from the mistakes made in Santa Barbara and Denver and plan their future carefully and in a healthier way.

There's a concept called Design with Nature in which one doesn't try to force something into an unnatural setting but rather one seeks the appropriate setting for one's venture.

To that idea, Mr. DeVries owns property inland near Willow Creek and south near Oxnard. Both of those climates are more conducive to growing cannabis. He has other options. We don't.

**Joan Edwards**  
Arcata

## Out the Sophie killers

What type of world are we living in? Sophie, a much-loved family pound dog was running around, checking out her future home, when some moron shot and killed her for no apparent reason. Does any of this make sense?

It seems they are trying to hide an illegal activity and are paranoid about new neighbors.

The names of the couple responsible for Sophie's death should be publicized, so the surrounding community knows what type of people they are dealing with.

This is another reason for extensive background checks, so morons like this cannot obtain a gun.

Who or what will they shoot next?

**Scott R. Baker**  
McKinleyville

## Our lives and COVID

In March 2020, the world temporarily closed. COVID-19 reshaped lives. The pandemic is not our only problem now.

We heard the doom-and-gloom stories of coronavirus for months. Massive job loss, civil unrest, and whether kids should attend school in person are constantly discussed.

Many people feel a mixture of tiredness,

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disgust, rage, anxiety, grief, depression and are overwhelmed with the chaos. Californians are physically worn out and emotionally drained.

This ongoing stress is crisis fatigue. It can take a toll on the body and mind.

Crisis fatigue is not a formal medical diagnosis, but it can lead to physical and mental health problems. Here are a few ways to manage it:

- Avoid negative coping skills

Overdrinking, drug use, and overspending money are a few. Negative consequences can come, like driving drunk.

My gait, hearing and speech are damaged because a drunken driver hit me in 1992.

- Make a daily routine

This is an essential cure because it is done continuously. It is something you have control over.

- Limit the news

Stay informed, but do not be glued to the media. Too much can increase your crisis fatigue. Wind down and disconnect from the news sometimes.

Believe in your own resilience. This helps you survive the long road ahead.

**Lori Martin**  
Tracy

## What's in a name? A lot, it turns out

Many GOP in Congress object to President Biden's infrastructure plan because it defines infrastructure more broadly than just roads, bridges, and other traditional items. His plan also includes things which can help improve America in other ways such as through broadband outreach, assistance for social services, and support for the electric car industry.

Rather than fighting with the GOP over what can be considered infrastructure, there is a simple solution. Just drop the emphasis on infrastructure and define the bill in terms of improving our quality of life.

Get Trumpian. Call it the "Upgrading America" or "Bringing America into the Next Century" Bill. Such a title should ring true to Republicans.

With this change in emphasis, congressional GOP couldn't just summarily reject important items that are not traditionally considered infrastructure. It would actually require a genuine argument to exclude them.

Of course, the GOP would counter-argue about the bill's cost. However, unlike former President Trump's tax bill where corporate tax cut trickle down failed to do much to boost the economy, this bill does so directly through the support of projects and industries which themselves will generate tax-paying jobs.

Let's hope something does get passed. America needs it now.

**Sherman Schapiro**  
Eureka



*News Item:* In lawsuit, former KHSU station manager/dis-mantler depicts himself as a lonely crusader for reform surrounded by scheming knaves.

## Freedoms & foolishness

As Rep. Jim Jordan said to Dr. Fauci... "when will we get our freedoms back?" referring to mask mandates.

As Jordan might imply, the Uighurs and Hong Kong protesters have their freedoms, as do the protesters being shot in Myanmar.

The women in Afghanistan will have their freedoms under the Taliban, perhaps excepting the genital mutilation to keep those pesky women in line.

Wearing a mask is way worse a violation of our freedoms than those minor issues of those other folks.

Those Republicans that agree with Rep. Jordan are tough as nails, but sensitive and very delicate about the overwhelmingly intrusive mask mandates.

Let's not contribute to their hurting feelings by insisting on a mask mandate.

Regards,  
**John Dillon**  
Eureka

## Gaetz is guilty

Matt Gaetz, the reactionary Republican Representative from the western portion of Florida's panhandle region is the subject of an ongoing federal criminal investigation by the U.S. Justice Department on a bipartisan basis (under both the Biden Administration and Gaetz's conservative cult leader Donald Trump's Attorney General Bill Barr's troubled tenure) for sex trafficking charges involving a minor child, according to the New York Times' bombshell report of March 30, 2021. [nytimes.com/2021/03/30/us/politics/matt-gaetz-sex-trafficking-investigation.html?smid=em-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/30/us/politics/matt-gaetz-sex-trafficking-investigation.html?smid=em-share)

As reported in the Dec. 29, 2017 edition

of *Orlando Weekly*, "...On Dec. 19, Gaetz cast the lone 'no' vote on a widely bipartisan human trafficking bill that passed unanimously through the U.S. Senate in September before sailing through the House by a count of 418 to 1. The legislation – the Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act – is an attempt to give the federal government more resources to combat the sex trade in the U.S..."

[orlandoweekly.com/Blogs/archives/2017/12/29/florida-rep-matt-gaetz-was-literally-the-only-person-to-vote-against-an-anti-human-trafficking-bill](https://orlandoweekly.com/Blogs/archives/2017/12/29/florida-rep-matt-gaetz-was-literally-the-only-person-to-vote-against-an-anti-human-trafficking-bill)

Now why do you think the alleged statutory rapist Matt Gaetz (R-FL) was the ONLY member of the U.S. Congress to vote AGAINST holding human traffickers accountable for their criminal sexual exploitation of women and children? You know why! Because Rapepublican Matt Gaetz is without a doubt guilty of the exact same criminal behavior. Lock Gaetz up!

Maybe Matt Gaetz and his demented mentor Donald Trump can share a bunk bed and jail cell together in federal prison sometime soon?

As the defeated and disgraced former puppet president of Putin used to say, "We'll see what happens."

**Jacob Pickering**  
Arcata

## The call is coming from inside the house

Dear Q People,

Turns out that the Pedophile Cabal you are so afraid of exists only in Trump's inner circle.

This is not surprising since its leader is The Predator In Chief. Just a thought.

**Jan Phelps**  
Arcata

As we celebrate the 26-acre Blue Lake 4 megawatt solar array on farmland called "agrovoltaics" (*Union, April 8*), we should not be blinded to better, more modern opportunities, like networked Widespread Distributed Solar (WDS).

WDS produces electricity from solar panels installed on the built environment where impacts have already occurred, close to where the electricity will be used: public and private roofs, parking lots and other already developed or "improved" spaces, including brownfields and abandoned mill sites.

Panels abandoned into solar and community nano- and micro-grids charge batteries and electric vehicles (EVs), heat and illuminate buildings, and sell electricity to PG&E, all the while retaining resilience during natural disasters.

Many of us would share in networked energy wealth, add equity to our buildings, and increase our access to reliable electricity during grid disruptions. Reliability and resilience of the main grid is also enhanced.

Electric vehicles or "EVs" are critical to combating climate change (70 percent of local emissions are attributable to transportation), and Widespread

## A rooftop is a terrible thing to waste

Distributed Solar makes EVs economically and technically irresistible. Charging vehicles on-site from owner-produced electricity can pay for the EV and even the panels in a few years.

EVs are better in every way than Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicles: no pollution, no petroleum, quiet, long-lived, low maintenance. EVs are mobile batteries that can supply buildings and critical facilities with emergency electricity.

Opponents of the Blue Lake agrovoltaics contend that agrovoltaic's limited sheep grazing and "pollinator garden" are "window dressing" to ostensibly satisfy the Humboldt County General Plan requirement that conversion of AE land, with prime soils that are critical to the sustainability of the County, should only occur if there are no feasible alternatives and there is overriding public interest.

Residents note that there are over 1,500 acres of brownfields, and 1,170 acres of industrial former mill sites that could potentially produce 148 MW of power;

and thousands of roofs in the built environment that are far more suited to solar energy production with minimal impacts.

The EPA has invested 11.4 million dollars to revitalize brownfields in Humboldt County and the EPA has a program called RE-Powering Americas Land initiative to install solar on these brownfields.

Why approve and promote divisive projects like the Blue Lake agrovoltaics when WDS can meet our energy, climate, and economic goals and needs? WDS benefits everyone with minimal adverse impacts, bringing our communities together over energy goals, rather than dividing us: "If California does not modernize its grid and power delivery infrastructure via sustainable premium power provided by microgrids, the state will be thwarted in its efforts to meet not only its economic and public safety needs, but these aggressive carbon reduction and renewable energy goals." (*Microgrids-5-8-19.pdf*)

Our municipal and county rep-

resentatives to Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) have an unparalleled opportunity to create a legacy of prosperity and resilience with WDS; and they could start tomorrow, because the technological and economic assistance is immediately available.

The upcoming "Microgrid 21" conference is a recruiting ground for talent & government-industry connections promoting WDS-a recipe for implementing WDS, including financing economics. ([microgridknowledge.com/microgrid-2021-agenda](https://microgridknowledge.com/microgrid-2021-agenda))

Municipalities in the U.S., many with similar solar profiles as ours ([ilsr.org](https://ilsr.org)), are implementing WDS (28 percent of microgrids in U.S. are in New York and Pennsylvania). The Solar Energy Technologies Office of the Department of Energy (SETO) is a deep resource for information, help and funding.

WDS fits seamlessly into Redwood Coast Energy Authority's Feed-In Tariff (FIT) program, microgrid projects, and EV and heat-pump rebates that are all components of WDS, but they are poor passive stepchildren to RCEA's

centralized electricity projects.

WDS is a contemporary and democratic electrical supply system that spreads wealth, pays for itself, reduces fire risks, incentivizes EVs, enhances secure resilience, creates the most local jobs, adds equity, preserves vulnerable wild habitat, agriculture, and forests, and transitions to EVs.

To those who say "we need it all," WDS must be part of the "all," a priority program like offshore wind. RCEA should hire someone who can attract private industry and government grants to create a rural WDS model.

Introducing a 30 percent microgrid tax credit bill in Congress recently, Rep. Panetta explained: "Expanding and deploying microgrids can harness clean energy sources, keep our homes and critical infrastructure connected when the larger grid fails, and lead to reliable and consistent electricity for our homes and safety for our communities."

Now's the time to invite industry to compete to implement "A solar panel on every roof, an EV in every garage, a microgrid in every Humboldt community."

*Ken Miller is a McKinleyville resident*

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**Ken  
Miller**



# SCENE



**BACK TO SCHOOL** MFA student Jeesun Choi in “Queen of the Sons of Exile,” an adaptation of “Medea” in 2016.

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❖ IN THE FALL

## Dell’Arte to return to in-person learning

DELL’ARTE INTERNATIONAL

BLUE LAKE – Dell’Arte International plans to return to in-person classes this fall with an immersive, decolonized and radical approach to ensemble-based physical theatre, the Professional Training Program.

After a year of implementing creative learning models such as online-only training, workshops, filmed and live-streamed performances, and working with Master’s students in a hybrid of online and in-person training, it’s become clear that while virtual models have their place, theatre (and Dell’Arte’s unique training) is best experienced face to face, said Managing Director Alyssa Hughlett.

“We look forward to returning to the studio and rehearsal space with students from around the country and the world. This past year, with the global pandemic and the social uprisings calling for racial justice, has changed us,” she said. “We have taken this time to re-examine what we teach and how we teach it. We are excited to get back in the studio with students to discover an embodied and liberated practice of physical theater.”

As a private postsecondary education institution, Dell’Arte, in collaboration with Humboldt County Public Health, was able to offer vaccinations to all employees in March. Summer workshops will still happen virtually, with workshops planned from June to August, taught by Dell’Arte’s award-winning instructors, alumni and leaders in the field.

Dell’Arte will continue to gauge public health conditions and adhere to recommendations from the county and state, which could impact fall 2021 plans.

The Dell’Arte International School of Physical Theatre training programs attract students from across the globe, with more than 1,000 graduates from 41 countries since the formation of the school in 1975. It is one of three institutions of higher education in Humboldt County, along with Humboldt State University and College of the Redwoods.

**TRAVELING TO THE STARS** College of the Redwoods Astronomy Professor Dr. Jon Pedicino will present an online lecture about recent discoveries in space travel on Thursday, April 22. Pedicino’s lecture, “Traveling to the stars: How do we do it? Where are we headed? What might we find?” will take place via Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by a Q&A. The lecture is free and open to the public. The Zoom meeting ID is 966 8013 5348. The talk will center on the recent breakthroughs in space travel. Pedicino will address questions such as: Can we travel faster than the speed of light? Can we travel close to the speed of light and at least send a probe to nearby stars? How do we avoid space debris at those speeds? Could we build a generational ship to travel to the stars?

## Inspired artists in the seaside village

Westhaven Center for the Arts presents the Emerging Artists Online Showcase as an on-going program.

Art students from HSU, College of the Redwoods or students raised in Humboldt County but who are studying elsewhere are encouraged to submit three to five high quality photographs of art works which will be considered for inclusion on the WCA website ([westhavencenter.org](http://westhavencenter.org)) and Facebook page.

Artists also may include a photo of themselves working on art. Include a one to two sentence artist’s statement, name, college, title of work, dimensions, and price or “not for sale” note.

Art will be uploaded first to a Facebook album on WCA’s page and a selection of these works will be uploaded to the WCA website.

Interested parties may contact WCA at [westhavenarts@gmail.com](mailto:westhavenarts@gmail.com) or write to WCA, P. O. Box 2094, Trinidad, CA 95570.

### Trinidad Art Gallery

Glassblower Matthew Gagliardi is a featured artist at Trinidad Art Gallery, 490 Trinity St. The artist was motivated to pursue the Venetian tradition of blown glass when he first watched Venetian maestro Lino Tagliapietra create a masterpiece at a Tucson, Arizona conference which Gagliardi attended.

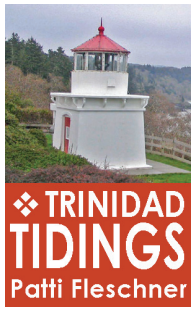


**VENETIAN STYLE** The work of glassblower Matthew Gagliardi. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Most of Gagliardi’s inspiration comes from geometric patterns and symmetry in nature. He strives to achieve clean lines, symmetric proportions and refined craftsmanship using traditional glass-making techniques and tools which have not changed very much in a thousand years.

His works on view range from utilitarian glasses and bowls to rare artistic pieces.

Photographer Alan Liles also has his work exhibited. Liles came to the art of photography later in life following a life-threatening illness.



## Local artist and poet wins international haiku award

MAKINO STUDIOS

ARCATA - On April 17, Arcata artist and poet Annette Makino was awarded one of the highest honors for haiku in English, a Touchstone Award from the Haiku Foundation.

Announced on International Haiku Poetry Day, the award recognizes the best individual poems published the previous year.

Makino wrote her winning one-line haiku while on a creative retreat at the Klamath River in Orleans last summer. It reads:

long before language  
the S of the river

Makino has a business, Makino Studios, selling her art and haiku in the form of cards and calendars in stores and online. A mixed media artist, she creates both Japanese watercolors and Japanese-inspired collages.

She said, “I’m truly thrilled to get this recognition, especially because I’m celebrating 10 years as a working artist and poet this spring. It’s the perfect capstone to a decade of learning and growing in



**HAIKU WINNER** This collage by Annette Makino is made from painted and torn Japanese washi papers. Featuring a view of the Klamath River, it incorporates her winning one-line haiku. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



my craft.”

The Haiku Foundation site explains, “The Touchstone Awards for Individual Poems recognize excellence and innovation in English-language haiku and senryu published in juried public venues during each calendar year.”

This year the contest saw 1,302 poems nomi-

nated from 31 countries, mostly selected by haiku editors. All the shortlisted poems are online at [thehaikufoundation.org](http://thehaikufoundation.org).

Makino’s haiku have won many other awards and her poems and art regularly appear in the leading journals and anthologies of haiku in English.

She is currently at work on her first full-length

book with the working title *Water and Stone*, to be published in the early summer. The culmination of a decade of painting and writing, the book will feature 50 of her haiga – artworks combined with haiku – painted with Japanese watercolors and sumi ink.

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# Academic Achievement Team honored in lavish online ceremony

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**  
HUMBOLDT – Twenty-one high school seniors representing Humboldt County high schools were honored as Humboldt County’s Academic Achievement Team in an online ceremony on April 14. Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) scheduled the online ceremony for the second year due to the pandemic to recognize these exceptional students.  
“The Academic Achievement Team and Stellar Students announcement is a joyful opportunity to honor outstanding high school seniors from across the county that have used their academic talents to make a positive and significant impact in their schools and communities,” according to Karen Brooks, HCOE Academic Achievement Awards program coordinator. “They all have shown vast leadership in so many arenas and it’s an honor to recognize these amazing scholars!”  
Members of the team were selected

based upon their exemplary academic performance, significant involvement in extra-curricular activities, proven leadership abilities, excellent communication skills and a commitment to their community.  
The event culminated with the naming of two Stellar Students for 2021. Klayre Barres of Eureka High School and Alyssa Pedicino of Arcata High School were the top honorees.  
Klayre and Alyssa were selected by a panel of community members in recognition of their exceptional accomplishments and potential to make significant impacts in the future.  
Three students received acknowledgement in the Inspiration Award: Alejandra Aguilar Arce, Fortuna High School; Dora D’Accardo Hineman, Eureka High School and Emma Boykin, Hoopa High School shared in receiving this prestigious award of inspiration.  
“Congratulations to each one of our ac-

ademic achievers,” said Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Chris Hartley. “These students represent our collective pride in our schools and are examples of dedication, resilience, and commitment to excellence.”  
The Humboldt County Office of Education Student Events program distributed scholarships totaling \$7,000 to the stellar students.  
The 2021 Academic Achievement Team:  
• Arcata High School – Alyssa Pedicino, Stellar Student Award; Kayla Jay, Vivian Gerstein  
• Eureka High School – Klayre Barres, Stellar Student Award; Dora D’Accardo, Inspiration Award; Kelli Johnston, Steven Hadley  
• Ferndale High School – Colson Renner  
• Fortuna High School – Alejandra Aguilar Arce, Inspiration Award; Annabell Young, Megan Dixon  
• Hoopa Valley High School – Emma

Boykin, Inspiration Award  
• McKinleyville High School – Isabella Sundberg, Mackenzie Bray  
• Northern Union Humboldt Charter High School – Dakota Donner  
• St. Bernard’s Academy – Remy Campbell  
• Academy of the Redwoods – Chloe Latt  
• Alder Grove Charter School – Chandler Mrotzek  
• North Coast Preparatory Academy – Isabelle Ely  
• Six Rivers Charter High School – Emma Scott  
• South Fork High School – Virali Patel  
The awards ceremony may be viewed in its entirety online. Please visit [hcoe.org/aa-team/2021-awards-video/](https://hcoe.org/aa-team/2021-awards-video/) to watch from the HCOE website. To discover more information about HCOE’s Academic Achievement Awards, please contact Karen Brooks at (707) 445-7563.

**ARCATA FOOD PANTRY RELOCATES** The Arcata Food Pantry will be moving from its current location at the Trinity Baptist Church on Alliance Road to the Arcata House Partnership Annex at 501 Ninth St. beginning on May 5. The Arcata House Partnership Annex is a blue building two blocks east of the Plaza, across from the Arcata

Transit Center. The Arcata Food Pantry will distribute food every Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm. Masks and safe social distancing are required. The Trinity Baptist Church has been serving the community by hosting the Arcata Food Pantry for the past 5 years. Food for People, the Food Bank of Humboldt County, would like to thank them

for their generous support and for their work to help end hunger in our community. Food for People’s Pantry Network provides food for 17 pantries and three congregate meal programs (soup kitchens) located throughout Humboldt County. They serve approximately 6,000 people each month and help congregate meal programs

provide more than 6,000 meals per month. For a full list of county-wide food distributions visit [food-forpeople.org](https://food-forpeople.org). You can reach the Arcata House Partnership Annex by phone at (707) 633-6236 or email at [annex@arcatahouse.org](mailto:annex@arcatahouse.org).

**HUMBOLDT GRANGE** The next Drive-Thru Dinner at the Hum-

boldt Grange #501 takes place on Saturday, April 24 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at 5845 Humboldt Hill Rd. in Eureka. The Grange will be serving a ham dinner with yams, baked beans, bread and a sweet dessert. The cost is \$15. Dinners can be pre-ordered at [humboldt-grange-501-spring-and-summer-drive-thru-dinners.cheddarup.com](https://humboldt-grange-501-spring-and-summer-drive-thru-dinners.cheddarup.com).

## LEGAL NOTICES

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 21-00250**  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 21-00175**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 21-00176**  
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**KELLY E. SANDERS TN, DEPUTY CLERK 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21**

**NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT ON SISTER-STATE JUDGMENT CASE NO.: CV2001146**  
PLAINTIFF: Vincent M. Lowell  
DEFENDANT: ChrisContract, Inc.; Christopher Johnston  
1. TO JUDGMENT DEBTOR: ChrisContract, Inc. and Christopher Johnston  
2. YOU ARE NOTIFIED a. Upon application of the judgment creditor, a judgment against you has been entered in this court as follows:  
1. Judgment creditor: Vincent M. Lowell  
2. Amount of judgment entered in this court: \$307,780  
b. This judgment was entered based upon a sister-state judgment previously entered against you as follows:  
1. Sister state: Hawaii  
2. Sister state court: First Circuit Court, Honolulu  
3. Judgment entered in sister state on March 1, 2019  
4. Title of case and case number: Vincent M. Lowell v. ChrisContract, Inc.; Christopher Johnson, et al. Case No. 16-1-1473-07 (DEO)  
3. A sister-state judgment has been entered against you in a California court. Unless you file a motion to vacate the judgment in this court in 30 DAYS after service of this notice, this judgment will be final. This court may order that a writ of execution or other enforcement may issue. Your wages, money and property could be taken without further warning from the court.  
If enforcement procedures have already been issued, the property levied on will not be distributed until 30 days after you are served with this notice.  
Date: Oct. 29, 2020  
Clerk: James C. BY KIM M. BARTLESON, DEPUTY HUMBOLDT COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 825 FIFTH ST. EUREKA, CA 95501  
ATTORNEY: NEAL G. LATT 294409 MATHEWS, KLUCK, WALSH, WYKLE & LATT, LLP

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME JACOB KIRAN-MOONSTONE NICOLE KIRAN-MOONSTONE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2100410**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name: **JACOB KIRAN-MOONSTONE**  
To Proposed name: **JACOB MCELDERRY; NICOLE NEA KIRAN-MOONSTONE**  
To Proposed name: **NICOLE NEA MCELDERRY; TERRA CELESTE KIRAN-MOONSTONE**  
To Proposed name: **TERRA CELESTE MCELDERRY;**  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Date: MAY 14, 2021  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 4  
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.  
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.  
Date: MARCH 25, 2021  
KELLY L. NEEL Judge of the Superior Court 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28

**SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER CV2000170**  
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): KERRY E GALLIVEN  
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.  
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.  
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a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name: **YAHAIIRA YARETZI CIFUENTES ALVARADO**  
To Proposed name: **YAHAIIRA YARETZI CIFUENTES LOPEZ**  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Date: MAY 14, 2021  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 4  
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.  
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.  
Date: MARCH 25, 2021  
KELLY L. NEEL Judge of the Superior Court 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28

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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff’s attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): REESE LAW GROUP, D. Wilson Jordan, Esq. (Bar #279959), 3168 Lionshead Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92010; 760/842-5850 (File No. 562977)  
DATE (Fecha): 1-31-20  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOSEPH HENRY KELLY CASE NO.: PR2100089**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:  
**BOB WINOGRADOV**  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: ALYSSA WINOGRADOV in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: ALYSSA WINOGRADOV be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:  
Date: MAY 6, 2021  
Time: 2:00 PM  
Dept.: 6  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.  
THIS HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED ONLINE AND MAY BE ATTENDED THROUGH ZOOM.

COURT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE ACCESSED ON THE COURT’S WEBSITE AT <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov>.  
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**  
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for the petitioner: DUSTIN E. OWENS OWENS & ROSS 310 THIRD ST. SUITE D EUREKA, CA 95501 (707) 441-1185 4/21, 4/28, 5/5

**SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: CV2100214**  
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: MATTHEW ZANONE dba ZANONE CONSTRUCTION & LOGGING, and Does 1 to 50  
**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): L & M RENNER, INC. dba RENNER PETROLEUM; VALLEY PACIFIC PETROLEUM SERVICES, INC.**  
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**TACO THANKS** Family and staff of Esteban's Mexican Restaurant on I Street, above, thanked the community for its support following the loss of Esteban Gonzales with a huge taco giveaway Sunday afternoon. Right, hungry customers queue up. Far right, Esteban's cousin Miguel Calder. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION





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Zoom in on Arcata's Strategic Arts Plan

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
ARCATA – The City of Arcata is in the process of creating the Arcata Strategic Arts Plan (ASAP) and is seeking input from the community.

The Community Development Department has been creating this plan since fall 2019 with the goal of supporting arts in Arcata both equitably and sustainably.

The ASAP will expand and formalize the City's support for the arts, and



**PUBLIC ART** The mural at Rotary Park, viewable from lower G Street.

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guide the City's engagement with local community partners in the arts.

The City of Arcata will co-host the first virtual Arcata Strategic Arts Plan Listening Session in partnership with the City's Local Arts Agency, The Arcata Playhouse, on Thursday, April 29 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held on Zoom and City staff and Playhouse artists will

about the ASAP, to review the current draft of the plan and learn more on how to provide public input for this project, please visit [cityofarcata.org](http://cityofarcata.org) or call (707) 825-2100.

Playhouse Arts uses the arts to build a community that is inspired and empowered to work together for the common good.

Presenting a wide array of events including live theater, music, variety arts, poetry, speakers and films, the Arcata Playhouse is a cultural hub for the community.

The Playhouse is also dedicated to its youth programs with youth workshops, a teen program, an artist in the school's program and a family performance series.

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